

Harold Edward Chard

Harold Chard was born on January 3, 1895 in Waterville, Minnesota to Arthur P Chard (1862-1933) born in England and Susan B Best Chard (1862-1948) born in Missouri. Arthur was an Episcopal Minister and he was the Pastor of the Hastings Episcopal Church in on June 5, 1917 when Harold registered for the draft when he was 23 years old and had already graduated from the University of Minnesota. He was an Engineer for Dakota County. He was part of the September Automatic Replacement Draft and was assigned to train at Camp MacArthur, Texas with Base Hospital Company 11 Infantry. He left for France on September 26, 1918 and returned on the SS Madawaska on December 18, 1918 as the war had ended. He was released on February 4, 1919. He had brother, Ralph Thompson Chard that also served in WWI.

Harold returned to Minnesota and took a job with the Minnesota Department of Highways. In 1920, he is 26, single and working as a Civil Engineer in Elk River, Minnesota. He is living with the Chase family whose son Eugene is also a Civil Engineer. On New Year's Eve in 1922 he married Margaret Slater Dennis and the couple settled in St Paul where Harold was a Civil Engineer for the Minnesota State Highway Department until he died at the age of 58 at Midway Hospital in St Paul from a heart attack. He was Assistant Chief Engineer. He is buried at Acacia Park Cemetery in Mendota Heights, Minnesota.